

Malika Abdul-Basir

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To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: "NO" on HB 5711, 5712, 5713

Importance: High

Dear Representatives,

This has got to stop! Instead of focusing on education, jobs, and the economy, you continue to work against the women, children, and families of this state. Worse yet – you do so underhandedly.

This is again evidenced in recent House Bills 5711, 5712, 5713, a hurried through (maybe no one will notice), 45-page (nor take the time to read), omnibus bill that carries significant legal and criminal consequences for women and health care providers.

These bills are clearly designed to challenge the U.S. Constitution, remove women's essential rights, and attack professionals who support families. They are insulting, thoughtless, ill-conceived, and cynical. A pure partisan and political move with no economic or social value whatsoever.

The bills in question target abortion providers and family healthcare clinics with unnecessary and burdensome licensing requirements; lack language making exceptions for rape, incest, or abuse; prohibit the use of safe and common medication-induced abortion practices; prohibit the use of telemedicine to provide women with counseling, medical advice, or medication; require physicians to carry a minimum \$1,000,000 liability coverage if they perform five or more abortions per month; and outline new requirements for screening procedures for coercion and domestic violence that will frighten women who need to make private medical decisions.

If you were indeed concerned with women's health and preventing abortion, you would create legislation supporting comprehensive sex education, family-planning (including but not limited to birth control), and funding for women's healthcare.

Roe V. Wade upheld women's Constitutional right to privacy regarding medical choices. Stop wasting my tax dollars by attempting to create ridiculous legislation that will not only create less-healthy communities but will ADD to the middle class tax burden.

Sincerely,

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